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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application for Approval of Operation and Maintenance
Agreements Between American Transmission Company
LLC and Madison Gas and Electric Company, Wisconsin
Electric Power Company, Wisconsin Power and Light
Company, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation and Edison
Sault Electric Company

05-AE-102

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING
AND
INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

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THIS IS A PROCEEDING pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 196.52 and 196.485(3m)(a)1.b., to consider the application of American Transmission Company LLC (ATC) and its Contributing Utilities¹ for approval of Operation and Maintenance Agreements for Transmission Facilities.

ATC is a “transmission company” organized pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 196.485(1)(ge) and (3m). Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.485(3m)(a)1.a., the transmission company must apply to the Commission for all necessary approvals and begin operations no later than January 1, 2001.

Wis. Stat. § 196.485(3m)(a)1.b. requires ATC to contract with each of the Contributing Utilities for the provision of reasonable and cost-effective operation and maintenance services to ATC for a period of three years after ATC begins operations.

¹ Contributing Utilities refers to those utilities that will be transferring transmission assets to ATC. The Contributing Utilities currently include Madison Gas and Electric Company, Wisconsin Electric Power Company, Wisconsin Power and Light Company, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, and Edison Sault Electric Company.

The proposed agreement addresses the responsibilities of ATC and of the Contributing Utilities for the provision of operation and maintenance services and is designed to satisfy the requirements of Wis. Stat. § 196.485(3m)(a)1.b. The proposed agreement is for a term of at least three years and is renewable by agreement.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Diane C. Braun at (608) 267-1200.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission